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Our Reference Number: 98-1078 Label Review Number: 19980929001

Roberta L. McKee, Ph.D. Merck & Co., Inc. P.O. Box 4
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Dear Dr. McKee:

The Labeling Supplement to your License Application for Hepatitis B (Recombinant) Vaccine, to include the addition of two doses of the 10 mcg formulation (1.0 mL) administered at 0 and 4 to 6 months as an alternate regimen for the routine vaccination of healthy adolescents 11 to 15 years of age, has been approved. This information will be included in your License Application file.

Please submit three copies of final printed labeling, under label review number 19980929001, at the time of use and include part II of the label transmittal form with completed implementation information.

Sincerely yours,

Peter A. Patriarca, M.D.

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